**Ingram Family Papers**

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**Biographical and Organizational History:**

**Charles Francis Ingram** (October 1854-July 25, 1929) was born in Tennessee to William Conner Ingram (1827-1863) and Nancy Ann Griffin Ingram (1826-1897) and died in Silver Palm, Florida, age 76. His siblings were Creed A. (1850-1880), John Lewis (1852-1932), Elizabeth Melissa (born 1853), Webster C. (born 1856), and Margaret (born 1859). Ingram was a citrus grower who spent 27 years South Florida. He homesteaded in the Silver Palm section in 1902 (Homestead Leader, July 30, 1929; familysearch.org). Charles F. Ingram filed on his homestead on March 23, 1905. His son-in-law Berry Marsh filed on his homestead on March 20, 1905.

**Martha Jane Merritt** (1866 [1867 or 1868]-May 5, 1926) was born to William J. Merritt and Isabel Lanier in Lake County, Florida. She had six siblings—Robert (born 1858), Matthew M. (1861-1944), William Lucius (1863-1932), George I. (1866-1925), Marion L. (1868-1940), James E. (1870-1930), and David (born 1874). Mary Marsh (born in 1877) is listed as William Merritt’s niece in the 1880 United States Census for Sumter, Florida, and was living in his household along with several Merritt nieces and nephews. Martha Jane Merritt married Charles Ingram on July 1, 1886, in Sumter County, Florida.

The 1900 United States Census for Montverde, Lake County, Florida, lists Charles (born October 1858) and his wife of fourteen years, Martha J. (born April 1867) and their six children—Mattie (born May 1888), Ella (born February 1890), Artie (born August 1892), Pinky (born October 1894), Bryan (born October 1896), Zonia (born December 1898). The next household listed belongs to Marcilla Marsh, age 41, and her sons—Thomas G. (age 19), Milton H. (age 14), and Walter (age 4).

The 1910 United States Census for Princeton, Dade County, Florida, lists Charles F. Ingraham, age 52, born in Tennessee and married for 23 years to Martha J., age 42, and eight children—Blanche (age 19), Artie (age 17), Pinkie (age 15), Bryan (age 13), Zonia (age 11), Jessie (age 7), Gertrude (age 4). Bertha had probably already left the household.

Berry Marsh filed on his homestead on March 20, 1905 and Charles F. Ingram filed on March 23, 1905.

**Children** of Charles and Martha:

**Martha “Mattie” Bertha Ingram** (May 18, 1888-March 2, 1970) married **Berry L. Marsh** (1868-March 9, 1937). The 1910 United States Census for Princeton, Florida, lists their children including Edith J. (age 5, born 1905), Ellamay [Ella May] (age 3, born 1907), Franklin G (George, age 2, born 1908) and Lousie J. C. (age 5 months, born 1911). (1910 United States Census for Princeton, Florida). They then had Ruth (born 1912, Berry Ernest (born 1914), James Herbert (born 1915), Troy (born 1918), Wilson Tower, born 1918), Melvin David (born 1922), Rosalee (born 1924), Virtis Raymond (born 1929), Horace, and Linton Waters (familysearch .org).

**Berry L. Marsh** (1868-March 9, 1937), according to the 1880 United States Census and the 1885 Florida Census for Sumter, Florida, lived in the household of Simon P. and Cerrenna Stevens (Berry’s mother, born 1847) and is listed as a step-son. Marsh was a proprietor of the Marsh & Ingram nurseries (obituary, Find-a-Grave). He had worked for Griffin [Griffing] Brothers and was considered “an expert tree man” (South Florida Banner, March 22, 1912).

Martha and Berry’s 15 children included Mrs. C. W. Dunlap, Mrs. Linton Waters of Miami, Mrs. L. W. Griffin of Florida City, and Mrs. H. M. Slayton of Hialeah. And four sons: Franklin, Ernest, Horace, Herbert, Troy, Tower, Melvin and Vertis of Miami (Berry Marsh obituary, Find-a-Grave).

**Ella Blanch (or Blanche) Ingram** (born January 8, 1890-October 12, 1910)

**Artie Myrtle Ingram** (August 27, 1892-April 15, 1968) married **Arvel B. Bauknight** (born June 28, 1890) and was divorced in Lake County in 1941. She is buried in Orlando. The 1930 United States Census for Groveland, Lake County, Florida, lists Arvel as a foreman at a sawmill with three daughters: Martha A. (age 7), Alberta W. (age 4 7/12), and Oveida V. (age 2 ½). The 1940 United States Census for Dade County, Florida, shows Artie (age 47) as a laundress living in Miami. In her household are her children Martha A. (age 17, who worked as a house maid), Alberta W. (age 14, who worked as a nurse maid), Ovieda V. (age 12), Charlie W. (age 8), and Winnie B. (age 6). Also in the household are a niece Marjorie O. Marsh (age 20) and a nephew J. Herbert Marsh (age 24).

**Nellie Pinkie [Mary] Ingram** (1894-1981) married **Henry Elmer Wells** (November 9, 1885-September 18, 1942) in 1912 and had a daughter Edna Wells (Ball 1913-1973). Divorced in 1927 in Dade County, Florida. Married **Ralph Salvador Fonseca** (July 14, 1898-December 20, 1946) on June 17, 1931 in Broward County, Florida. Divorced in 1932 in Dade County.

**William Bryan Ingram** (born October 1, 1896-November 16, 1955) married **Ira Lee Bell** (1909-1937) in 1923 in Palm Beach, Florida. They had one child. Married **Sallie Mae** **Davis** (1901-1970) on April 18, 1939.

**Zona Ingram** (December 28, 1898-April 13, 1970) married **Herbert McKinnley Landrum** (1896-1975) and had three children Ralph Herbert Landrum (1919-1975), Wilma Zona Landrum (born1922), and John McKinnley Landrum (1925-1987).

**Jesse F. Ingram** (November 14, 1902 in Little River, Florida-February 1959). He owned Ingram’s Bird Road Nursery and was head of the J. F. Ingram Nursery in Miami and a member of the Florida Nurserymen’s and Growers Association. His children included Jesse Ingram, Jr. of Miami, Judy Ingram of Miami, and Martha Ingram of Orlando (Miami Daily News obituary February 17, 1959; Homestead Leader-Perrine Post, February 10, 1959).

**Agnes Gertrude “Gertie” Ingram** (October 28, 1905-October 1996) married **Robert E. Lee Landrum** (1885-1927) and had sons Junior Dade Landrum (1922-1975) and Donald Lee Landrum (1924-1981) and daughter Juanita Lundrum (born 1926). She married **Charles H. Dixon** in 1943 and divorced in 1957. Then she married **Henry Daniel Woodard** (1910-1988), and afterwards married **William Hopkins McKinney** (1908-1973). (familysearch.org)

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged in seven series: Series 1: Ingram Family Photographs. Series 2: School Photographs, Lake County, Florida. Series 3: School Photographs, Dade County, Florida. Series 4: Photographs of Relatives and Friends. Series 5: Photographs of Groups of People. Series 6: Historic images. Series 7: Mourning cards. Series 8: Notes.

**Subjects:**

Ingram family.

Bliss, A. C., photographer.

Citrus canker.

Eureka School (Eureka, Fla.)—History.

Florida—Pictorial works.

Florida East Coast Railway—History.

Lake County (Fla.) Schools—History.

Mathis-Chambers Meat Market Bicycles (Princeton, Fla.).

Monteverde Industrial School (Montverde, Fla.)—History.

Mourning cards.

Railroads—Florida—Florida Keys.

Redland Farm Life School (Redland, Fla.)—History.

Silver Palm School (Silver Palm, Fla.)—History.

Stokes, Charles H., photographer.

United States—History—1865-1921.

Folder Contents All items in one box

**Series 1: Ingram Family Photographs, about 1880s-1957**

1 1 Man holding a large cat sitting on the porch of log cabin with shake-shingle roof (card mounted photograph), 1880s-1895. Horse equipment hanging on porch and farm implements leaning against the cabin. Fence and trees in background. Possibly Charles Ingram in Lake County, Florida.

1 2 Four men standing in front of primitive log structure (card mounted photograph), 1890s-1910. Pine forest in background. Berry Marsh (on left) and/or Charles F. Ingram (third from left) may be among the men.

1 3 Ingram family (copy photograph) vegetation in background, about 1906 or 1907. Left to right probably: Nellie Pinkie Ingram, Ella Banche Ingram, Marsha Bertha Ingram Marsh (seated) holding Gertrude Ingram, Zona Ingram, Martha Jane Merritt Ingram (seated) holding Jesse Ingram, Artie Myrtle Ingram, William Bryan Ingram.

1 4 Ingram family (copy photograph) vegetation in background, about 1907. Tentative identification left to right: Nellie Pinkie Ingram, Charles Franklin Ingram (seated) holding Jesse Ingram, Ella Blanche Ingram, Zona Ingram, Artie Ingram, Martha Jane Merritt Ingram, Bertha Ingram Marsh, Berry Marsh holding Gertrude Ingram, William Bryan Ingram.

1 5 Ingram family (card mounted photograph) with vegetation in the background, 1908 or 1909. Tentative identification. Standing in back left to right: Berry Marsh, Blanche Ingram, Bertha Ingram Marsh, Artie Ingram; in front row: William Bryan Ingram, Zona Ingram, Charles Ingram holding Gertrude Ingram, Jesse Ingram, Martha Ingram, and Pinkie Ingram. About 1908 or 1909.

1 6 “Gertrude” (written on back of photograph), 1920s. Gertrude Ingram standing behind plants at the edge of a body of water. Leaves of the plant obscure part of Gertrude's face. Thin black line along border of image.

1 7 "Berry Marsh" (written on back of postcard), wearing a suit, tie, hat, and glasses, about 1920. Photographic postcard, CYKO stamp box, 1904-1920s. Studio backdrop. Holding a cigarette in his left hand and possibly a rolled-up magazine in the other tucked under his arm. Berry L. Marsh (1868-March 9, 1937), married Bertha Ingram who was 20 years his junior.

1 8 "Pinkie, Artie, Gertie, Zona, Dec. 1957" (written on back of photograph). Four of the Ingram sisters, the children of Charles F. Ingram and Martha J. Merritt Ingram, taken in December 1957. "Mom & sisters" is written above the inscription and is crossed out.

**Series 2: School Photographs, Lake County, Florida, 1890s-before 1922**

2 1 Teacher and school children in front of doorway (card mounted photograph, see also 2-2, probably the same building), probably 1890s. Back is stamped “C. H. Stokes, Lee Centre, N. Y.” **Charles H. Stokes** moved from Lee Centre, New York (near Rome, New York), to Florida in 1888. He established the Jolly Palms Hunting Lodge in Mohawk, Florida, and also started a post office in his home. A photographer, Stokes originally worked with glass plate negatives. Since there were no good schools in the area, he took his three children back to New York for their educations. (<https://archives.lib.fsu.edu/repositories/6/resources/377>) Stokes probably used stock (card mounts) from his shop in New York after he moved to Florida.

2 2 Three school teachers and their students in and in front of doorway (See also 2-1, probably the same building). Card mounted photograph taken by Charles H. Stokes. Back of mount is stamped “Stokes, The Photographer, Mohawk, Lake Co., Florida.”

2 3 “Group of Mont Verde Industrial School, Montverde, Fla. To: Mrs. M. J. Ingram; From: C. L. Merritt” (written on the back of the card mounted photograph). Image of students and faculty at Monteverde Industrial School, which opened on September 23, 1912, given to Martha Jane Merritt Ingram.

 The Christian-based industrial school gave people from poorer circumstances an opportunity to nurture both their physical and mental capacities and [was] where both boys and girls could develop their “head and heart…sound bodies and good minds.” (<https://montverde.org/about/our-history/>) “Industrial” was dropped from the school’s name in 1922.

**Series 3:** **School Photographs, Dade County, Florida, possibly 1904-1920s+**

3 1 “Silver Palm School” (card mounted photograph), before 1911. The image depicts the entire façade of the two-story school building with pine trees in background. A large number of adults and children are gathered in front of the building and on the porches. They are well-dressed and most are wearing hats or bonnets.

 The Silver Palm School was built by local residents in 1904 and operated until 1916. The school board authorized the purchase of materials for the school in April or May of 1904 (Miami Metropolis, May 6, 1904). It was the first and largest of the seven rural schools (Goulds, Eureka, Modello, Princeton, Murray Hill, and Redland) that were consolidated in 1916 into the Redland Farm Life School constructed by the Dade County Scholl Board. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silver_Palm_Schoolhouse>)

 The first Silver Palm school was a log structure built in 1901 (Homestead Leader Enterprise January 1, 1941) and had a palmetto thatched roof and was attended by ten pupils (from Carl Schumacher’s *Stories of Life in South Dade County,* 1st edition, p.71-72).

3 2 “School, Silver Palm, Fla., Nov. 1914” (printed on the image, card mounted photograph). “A. C. Bliss, photographer, Goulds, Fla.” (stamped on back of mount). Boys and girls (22 children) and their teacher with wall of school in background. Missing lower left corner of image.

3 3 “School, Silver Palm, Fla., Nov. 1914” (printed on image, card mounted photograph). “A. C. Bliss, photographer, Goulds, Fla.” (stamped on back of mount). Boys and girls and their teacher with wall of school in background.

3 4 "Miss Dasie Harts School Eureka" (card mounted photograph, written on back of photograph). The school was established in 1908 or 1911 and combined into the consolidated school in 1916. Group of teachers and students at the Eureka School.

3 5a “Redland Farm Life, Teachers, 1916” (written on back of photograph). Group of adults, taken outside.

 5b “3rd Grade, 1916” (written on back of photograph). Girls and boys (17 children), and their teacher. Photographed looking backward through the entrance of Redland Farm Life School. Trees behind. According to notes with the collection, Gertrude Ingram is one of the children.

 5c Group of school children outside Redland Farm Life School, 1910s-1920s. Stamped on the back in blue is an image of a bird in flight and "Blue Bird Pictures."

3 6a “Seventh Grade Boys, 1918” (written on back of photograph). Nine boys, probably students from Redland Farm Life School--five of whom are sitting on a bench. All but one of the boys are wearing pants that resemble part of a sports uniform -- knee-length pant legs and then stockings and all except one are wearing white shirts. One of the boys is wearing a tie.

6b "Basket Ball Team" (written on back of photograph). Four girls wearing midi blouses sitting and two women or girls in white dresses standing with a basketball hoop behind them. In the background are people (primarily men in suits) and automobiles, circa 1910s or 1920s and behind them is a pine forest. On April 13, 1916, the *South Florida Banner* reported that the Silver Palm girls’ basketball team had defeated the Homestead basketball team. The members of the Silver Palm team were: Edith Moore, Zona Ingraham, Grace Cox, Sadie Gossman and Bertha Cox.

 6c “Eight Grade Cooking Class, 1919” (written on back of photograph) probably from Redland Farm Life School (other documented images of the school show home economics students wearing the similar outfits). Twelve young women and their teacher. The young women are wearing caps and aprons and the teacher is wearing an apron.

 6d Large group of girls and young women, about 1919. A few appear to be wearing aprons and caps similar to those in image 3-6c. Two girls have “x” next to them (in ink)—possibly two Ingram girls or their relatives. There are trees in the background. Probably Redland Farm Life School students.

3 7 "Leo" (written on back of photograph), 1920s or 1930s. A teacher and her young pupils. Mary Jane shoes were introduced in 1914. Knee socks became popular in the 1920s. School class of very young children with the teacher sitting in the front row. Probably Redland Farm Life School. [Notes on the collection may pertain to this image “Teacher Miss Rose, 5 top right Lee [Leo?] Lendrum [Landrum], 3 bottom Thelma Ingram]

**Series 4:** **Photographs of Relatives and Friends, possibly 1904-1920s**

4 1 "Uncle John Merritt" (written on back of postcard). Photographic postcard, CYKO stamp box, 1904-1920s; divided back, 1907-1914. Man seated with his hand on an alligator statue with an egg, avocado, or other item in its mouth. Woman behind him with her hand on the man's shoulder. Palm and other trees behind them.

4 2 “Left to right, Otis Ingram—1st cousin, Grace Cox, Carl Morris—3rd cousin, Sadie (Gossman, Velin [Vihlen], Edwin), and Frank McLain” (written on back of postcard). Photographic postcard, NOKO stamp box, 1907-1934; divided back, 1907-1914. Ingram friends and relatives wearing hats with pine trees in background. Sadie Gossman (September 9, 1899-April 28, 1996) was born in Miami and married Edwin Englebert Vihlen (1895-1989) on July 30, 1916. The had six children including Dr. Fred Vihlen (1921-2012).

4 3 “Mrs. Lewis, sons Dan [and] Harry” (written on back of postcard). Photographic postcard, divided back, 1907-1914. Della Virginia Lewis(1884-1946) was the wife of Simeon “Sim” Pryor Lewis (1875-1946), who claimed a homesteaded in Goulds on July 6, 1900. The family is listed in the 1910 United States Census for Silver Palm, Florida. Sim was age 33, his wife was 25, and his son Harry H. was age 3, and his son Gadsen G. was 1 8/12 years of age. Daniel Gadsden Lewis (1908-1985) was born on the homestead. Harry Richard Lewis lived from 1910 until 1963. A sister, Fannie Laura Lewis (1905-1905), died as an infant.

4 4 “Henry Smith” (written on back of postcard). Photographic postcard, AZO stamp box, 1904-1918; divided back, 1907-1914; embossed or raised edges. Baby and doll sitting in a chair with Victorian screen door in background.

4 5 “Henry & Bryan Smith” (written on back of photograph), probably 1907-1915. Two little boys in hats with small hoes playing in front of a wooden building.

4 6 “Ernestine Hutton” (written on back of postcard), about 1919 or 1920. Photographic postcard, ARTURA stamp box, 1908-1924. A baby sitting on a child’s chair. Ernestine Hutton was born about 1919 to Ernest L and Ethel Hutton of Princeton, Florida. Her siblings were Warren, Thelma, Virginia, and Rosemary.

4 7 “J. C. Williams & Zoro, Elsa Williams & Blackie” (written on back of photograph). Two children holding their dogs with trees in background.

4 8 “Grandma Grandpa Darling and Daughter” (written on back of photograph). Couple sitting and their daughter standing with her hands on their shoulders.

4 9a “Lottie Woods” (written on back of photograph), 1905-1915. Young girl in a white dress with a large bow in her hair. (Thin black line along margins of image).

 9b “Lucile Woods” (written on back of photograph), 1905-1915. Young girl in a white dress with a large bow in her hair.

 9c “Mae Woods” (written on back of photograph), 1905-1915. Young girl in a white dress with a large bow in her hair.

 9d “Lucile Frances Mae Lottie Woods” (written on back of photograph), 1905-1915. The three young girls are wearing white dresses. Two have large bows in their hair. Frances, their mother, is wearing a large hat. Evidently taken at the same time and place as 4-9a, 4-9b, and 4-9c. Left to right in back are Lucile and her mother, Frances. In front are Mae and Lottie.

4 10 "W. H. Cauley Aileen and Billy Late 1920s" [written on back of photograph, may have been taken in early or mid-1920s]. Alliene Hill Cauley (April 23, 1914-March 3, 1998), William Harvey Cauley (October 18, 1883-April 15, 1934) and William Harvey Cauley, Jr. (October 16, 1917-August 16, 2006). William and his two children are standing in a field with pine trees in the distance. William Harvey Cauley, a farmer who had also been in real estate, married Onie Alliene Hill (March 13, 1895-October 1, 1980) on July 27, 1913, in Kissimmee, Florida. They had two children Alliene Hill Cauley and William Harvey Cauley, Jr. Image taken by Carl Turnage, probably in the area of Goulds, Florida. Embossed "Turnage Studio, Homestead, Fla."

**Series 5:** **Photographs of Groups of People, 1915-1920s**

5 1 Citrus Canker Eradication Team, 1915 [card mounted photograph with mount cut off along edges]. The Florida Pioneer Museum (Glen Simmons Collection) has a damaged copy of a slightly different image with several members identified: Jim Simmons, McClanden, Roy Nixon, Nixon Harmon, and Hodson. The man in the middle of the bottom row of seven men might be Berry L. Marsh.

5 2 A large group of men and women, some sitting and some standing, at an unknown location (card mounted photograph), probably 1920s.

**Series 6:** **Historic Images, 1904-1918**

6 1 "Mathis - Chambers Meatmarket [Meat Market] Bicycles Princeton, Fla." [written on roofline]. Photographic postcard, AZO stamp box, 1904-1908. Four men and five bicycles standing in front of the store. The man on the right is African-American. This store is mentioned in a newspaper advertisement in early 1913. The store belonged to Burton L. Mathis (1879-1935) and Neal Chambers.

6 2 Florida East Coast Railway, Key West Extension quarter boat, about 1910. Staining and water damage on image. The quarterboat was used to house workers during the Key West Extension construction project. Next to the quarterboat is a barge loaded with water casks.

**Series 7:** **Mourning Cards, 1875 -- may or may not belong to this Collection**

7 1 Mourning card, February 2nd, 1872 [? Number is rubbed]. Die cut and embossed with applied black border. Curled with border torn and separating from card.

 “In Affectional Remembrance of Helen Foulds, who departed this life February 2nd, 1872, age 14 years.

 When the Angel of God shall sound the loud blast,

 And wake those who’ve slumber’d for ages long past,

 And all before God shall appear.

 O! then, my dear Helen, may you and I stand,

 With all our dear friends, at our Saviour’s right hand,

 Ah, then ‘twill be good to be there.”

7 2 Mourning card, January 1875. Die cut and embossed with applied black border. Curled with border torn [probably missing part of border] and separating from card.

 ‘In Affectionate Remembrance of Arthur, the beloved son of Thomas and Harriet Foulds, who departed this life Jan. 16th, 1875, aged 1 year & 10 months. “Rock it a bit.” And he was rocked asleep in Jesus.’

**Series 8:** **Notes related to collection, author unknown, possibly Ruth Campbell, after 2000**

8 1 Notes about the images written on a 2000 Homestead Rodeo flier. It is unclear which people are identified in which images.